

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EUROPEAN UNION PERCEPTION ON SOUTH ASIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union had differed from India publicly on the issues of Kashmir, dialogue in South Asia and Cross Border Terrorism as reported in the 'Hindu' dated October 11, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

a), b) & c) Government of India is aware of the report in the 'Hindu' dated 11th October 2002 on the India-EU Summit. The EU has been fully sensitized to our position on these issues. The Presidency's statement issued on 11.10.2002 appreciated the successful holding of elections in J&K. On South Asia it stated European Union's readiness to work with India and Pakistan to diffuse the continuing crisis between India and Pakistan and to encourage efforts to settle their differences through bilateral dialogue. Government of India was fully satisfied with the results of the 3rd India-EU Summit.